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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Conversation with Dr. Flax**

1. I called Dr. Flax to ask him what preparation was being made for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the NRO scheduled for 17 November at which, as I understood it, the FY '69 budget would be discussed. Dr. Flax said that he was anxious to brief the DCI at his pleasure and in any depth on the various issues. He promised to let me have the "issue paper" which is now in process of preparation and which identifies the major problems to be discussed by the NRO Executive Committee. This should be over here early next week, and it was agreed that [redacted] and I would review the paper and the proposed budget presentation with [redacted] sometime next week and go over any issues which appear to us significant with Dr. Flax sufficiently in advance of the ExCom meeting to be able to brief the DCI and advise him of any significant differences of opinion.

2. I have communicated the substance of this conversation to [redacted] and Mr. Duckett. When we see the issue paper we will jointly decide who should be present at the discussions with [redacted] and Dr. Flax.

7/2/ John A. Bross

**JOHN A. BROSS**  
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